

SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR MANAGING
INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Abstract of the Disclosure

Systems and methods for managing intellectual property are provided. These systems and methods may accept new pieces of intellectual property from creators of the intellectual property and then record the intellectual property, control access to the intellectual property, facilitate use and integration of the intellectual property, and track information relating to the intellectual property. Using five basic data structures, one embodiment of the present invention enables the tracking of IP elements (e.g., a single idea or a new combination of ideas), IP assets (e.g., one or more IP elements with recognized value), metadata elements (e.g., supplemental information), log elements (e.g., change information), and user records (e.g., user information). In an implementation of the invention, a "lab notebook page" paradigm may be used to facilitate the entry of information into an IP element.